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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UAE INTEREST IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH U.S.S.

1. DURING CALL BY DEPTASSTSECY SOBER AND AMBASSADOR ON UAE MIN STATE FOR FINANCE AND INDUSTRY HABROUSH SEPT. 21, HABROUSH SAID UAEG WANTED TO DISCUSS WITH USG POSSIBILITY OF HAVING "SAME KIND OF ARRANGEMENT WITH US AS YOU DO IN SAUDI ARABIA" IN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FIELD. SOBER ASKED IF HE MEANT UMBRELLA AGREEMENT FOR REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WHICH WE HAD RECENTLY SIGNED WITH SAUDI ARABIA. SOBER DESCRIBED ITS BASIC PROVISIONS, POINTING OUT THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME FEATURES IN SAUDI AGREEMENT THAT WOULD NOT BE RELEVANT TO UAE SITUATION, SUCH AS CREATION OF TRUST ACCOUNT WHICH IS DESIGNED TO HANDLE HIGHER LEVEL OF ACTIVITY THAN WOULD BE LIKELY WITH UAE. HABROUSH EXPRESSED INTEREST AND ASKED IF WE COULD SHOW HIM COPY OF AGREEMENT WITH SAUDI ARABIA.

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2. COMMENT: HABROUSH EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN US TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MAY WELL BE LINKED TO STRONG CURRENT RUMORS THAT SHAIKH ZAYID INTENDS TO CONCENTRATE MORE INTENSIVELY ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN NEAR FUTURE, AND IT MAY ALSO REFLECT BRIEFINGS BY SAUDIS ON WHAT US IS DOING TO ASSIST SAUDI INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT. FROM US POINT OF VIEW IT IS WELCOME DEVELOPMENT, WITH PROSPECT OF BOTH POLITICAL AND COMMERCIAL DIVIDENDS. FULL PANOPLY OF JOINT COMMISSION AND WORKING GROUPS WHICH WE HAVE IN SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN, ETC. IS NOT WHAT WE WANT HERE (AND IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT UAEG ITSELF WOULD WANT SUCH CLOSE AND HIGHLY VISIBLE ASSOCIATION WITH USG AT THIS TIME), BUT UMBRELLA AGREEMENT FOR REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SEEMS JUST RIGHT IN TERMS OF QUIET NURTURING OF BILATERAL RELATIONS IN PRACTICAL FIELDS WHICH SHOULD BE THRUST OF OUR EFFORT HERE. I WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO RESPOND TO HABROUSH (WHO IS ONE OF UAE'S MOST ENERGETIC AND COMPETENT OFFICIALS) REASONABLY PROMPTLY BY PROVIDING HIM WITH COPY OF SAUDI AGREEMENT TO GIVE HIM IDEA OF WHAT IS ENTAILED. I WOULD LEAVE OFF PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE WHICH SPEAKS OF AGREEMENT BEING WITHIN JOINT COMMISSION FRAMEWORK AND GIVE HIM ONLY NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS, AGAIN POINTING OUT, AS SOBER DID, THAT THIS IS ONLY A MODEL THAT NEED NOT BE COPIED TO THE LETTER ELSEWHERE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT. APPROVAL OF MY RECOMMENDATION THAT WE PROVIDE HABROUSH WITH TEXT OF SAUDI AGREEMENT AND EXPLORE WITH HIM POSSIBILITY OF US-UAE AGREEMENT ALONG SIMILAR LINES IF UAEG IS INTERESTED. DEPT. REQUESTED CABLE US TEXT OF SAUDI AGREEMENT. STERNER

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